



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0103.00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Gianluigi HOTELLIER et al. )  
Application No. 09/966,115 ) Group Art Unit: 1714  
Filed: October 1, 2001 ) Examiner: Cain, E.  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A )  
SILICA-REINFORCED RUBBER )  
COMPOUND )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office

Action mailed May 19, 2004. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 8, 2004